Dear Dave, 9/10/77

The great job your people did of dubbing off the Gandolfo tapes came today. Even the packagemx used will be helpful to me. If you can get me only of those empty 3M boxes, I presume for shipping tapes, I'd be able to start classifying some of my tapes when there are extra minutes I can use for that. I'll explain this another time.

As long as the weather does not preclude it I can use my walking/exercise time for listening to tapes without taking time from my work, which suffers a major intrusion from the time I take for walking. So getting these is great. I have heard two while walking to now, 4 p.m.

It would be good if Jim could have dubs of all. Of the first two I think he does really need the assaulj upon him, Bud and me by Lane in the first, by number, Lane on WMCA-Jerry Williams show, on ~~April~~ May 3,1977. (If it presents no problem I'd like a second one for Steve Bellm who is a friend of afriend and, typically for Mark, abused. My reason is that I've started trying to persaude that Good Morning America Show to end or curtail its airing of the nuts.)

Lane has made a science and a successful business of error. As a matter of what for him is principle he refuses to be accurate even when accuracy would better serve his supposed end. Here he is consistent, he exculpates the FBI.

There are a few things of which I made notes while walking and listening. I have a belt with which I hang the machine around my neck so I can have the hands free while I walk, for noting.

Lane twice refers to the alleged "desparate efforts" of the FBI to "drive" King to the Lorraine. Without detailed explanation, utterly false. King never stayed at the Rivermont, he always stayed at the Lorraine.

This is in the early part, right after the chitchat with and about Gregory, right after the first Bell part. I'd say in the first 20 minutes of this cassette.

Lane says that by planting a story in the emphis papers the FBI "forced" King to "cancel" his Rivermont reservations the time he was killed. Utterly false, even to the reservation.

Right after this he alleges that I and my associates, particularly Lesar, were "disasterous" to Ray. He then says that we kept Ray from media attention, which under Lane has accomplished nothing. But even this is false. There is a long list of such appearances for whichI was responsible, once after Jim was about to quit because Ray refused. He received more media attention, if this were or consequence, prior to than with Lane.

Calls what he (alone) has done the "breakthrough." Represents it as his original and only his work.

Says of phone numbers "For the first time there are clues to be checked out." Note not that he had checked them out. Inference drawn from "first time" is that this did not happen and that Ray gave them to us willingly for us to do it.

"The only investigation to now was by the 'get King squad'" of the FBI. Here he goes a little farthur than in the book in blaming the FBI for the assassination, even if he begins with the memorized formula.

These quotesmay mean to Jim what may not be apparent to you.

As I listen to others I may add notes.

Best,